(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) As a consequence of increase in the issue price of wheat from Rs. 172|- per quintal to Rs. 190|- per quintal for public distribution system as well as roller flour mills, with effect from 1-2-1986, the State Governments|Union Territories have been advised by the Central Government to work out and notify revised exmill and retail prices of the wheat products produced by the roller flour mills, namely maida, suji, resultant atta, and bran. The revised prices are to be fixed by the State Governments|Union Territories on the basis of the existing milling margins allowed to the mills and are only to neutralise the effect of increase in the cost of wheat.

**Backlog of unemepolyed persons**

*39. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what was the backlog of unemployed persons towards the end of the Sixth Plan period; and

(b) the employment potential expected to be generated during the Seventh Plan period and whether the problem of unemployment is expected to be solved by the end of the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The backlog of unemployment at the end of the Sixth Plan period has been estimated at 9.2 million for the age-group 5-plus. The net addition to the labour force in this age-group during the Seventh Plan period would be 39.38 million. It is expected that additional employment of the order of 40.36 million standard person years would be generated during the Seventh Plan. It is expected that the backlog of unemployment at the end of the Plan would be less than that at the beginning of the Plan.

**Payment to sugarcane growers by sugar mills**

*40. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount at present outstanding for payment to the sugarcane growers by the sugar mills, millwise, in each State;

(b) for how long the amount has been outstanding and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what fresh steps have been taken by the Central Government to ensure prompt payment for sugarcane supplies made to the mills by the cultivators?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Annexure giving the sugarcane price State-wise, in respect of individual mills for 1985-86, 1984-85, 1983-84 and earlier seasons as on 31st December 1985 is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 2] As would be seen therefrom, the bulk of the dues relate to the current season. The dues are high at the peak of the crushing season as the season tapers off. For the last seasons out of the total cane price of Rs. 1270 crores, only about Rs. 3.6 crores remain to be cleared as on 31-12-85, percentage-wise, the arrears for the last season are only 0.28 percent. These arrears are spread over a very large number of factories. The small amounts remained unpaid gen-